

RESPONSE AND REMARKS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Office Action, dated December 24, 2009, issued a restriction requirement, construing Claims 12, 30 and 54-57 as Group I, and Claims 27, 33-36, 42, 44, 45, 49 and 50 as Group II.

Pursuant to the restriction requirement dated December 24, 2008, and in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 121 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.142, Applicant hereby formally elects for further examination Claims 12, 30 and 54-57, construed by the Examiner as Group I; Claims 27, 33-36, 42, 44, 45, 49 and 50, corresponding to non-elected Group II, are withdrawn from examination and cancelled without prejudice to Applicant's filing, during the pendency of the present Application, a divisional application directed to Claims 27, 33-36, 42, 44, 45, 49 and 50, corresponding to non-elected Group II, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.142.

CONCLUSION

In view of the election above, it is respectfully requested that further examination of the present application proceed for Group I Claims, namely, for Claims 12, 30 and 54-57.

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It is respectfully asserted that none of the references of record, whether considered alone or in combination, disclose, anticipate, teach or suggest the combination of all of the limitations of Claims 12, 30 and 54-57 and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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